

SENATOR BARNETT: I was just thinking, Mr. President, that one of Senator Warner's concerns on page two, section two of the bill, "county court shall be prohibited from appointing probation officers after an effective date of this act accept", and that was the juvenile portion. I think you asked that question, Senator Warner, on that question. Maybe I misunderstood your question, but I thought that was what you had asked and it does prohibit them from hiring probation officers except the juvenile.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, it does permit for juvenile yet though, and at a minimum I will have an amendment prepared that even that would be prohibited without the approval of the County Board.

SENATOR BARNETT: Fine. Okay, that's all I had.

SENATOR SAVAGE: There are no more lights on. Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President, members of the body, some of the concerns brought up Senator Carsten's district and his county, the probation officers were working out. In some counties this is true and other counties, they have great problems to deal with. We really have situation of judges setting salaries which are really not commensurate with the work that they are performing. We felt that bringing these people under a state system could increase those individuals work load to the point where they would actually earning in some instances, what they are making. Now we've got problems in the county probation system and they are spotty. Not every county such as Senator Carsten's have the problems, but unfortunately we can't go around and legislate from county to county. We have to bring in the whole system, all six or seven counties, which have this county system, into the state in order to solve the problem as a whole. If you want a copy of the report. I sent you all a card. You can get a copy of the report. It's about an inch thick. I don't imagine you would spend a lot of time reading it but the conclusions of the reports are this would be one of the recommendations to bring in the county system into the state system in order to end some duplicity and in the long run, we feel that it is going to save some money, so with that I would hope that the body would move 624.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Dworak, do you wish to be recognized? Would you please extinguish your light. Senator Barnett, for closing.

SENATOR BARNETT: No closing. I think it has been discussed very well.

SENATOR SAVAGE: All right, the question is the advancement of LB 624. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please vote. Have you all voted? Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Is there a way that we could hold this bill up for a day or two? I have just talked to my...

SENATOR SAVAGE: We're voting, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, all we have to do then is not give it enough votes to advance.

SENATOR SAVAGE: That's all you have to do. That's right. Senator Savage voting aye.